

RADIO-TV REPORTS, INC.

1717 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 • (202) 333-1200

orig SALT

(orig under Brown)

cc:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

PROGRAM	Issues & Answers	STATION	WJLA-TV
			ABC Network

DATE	June 24, 1979	12:30 PM	CITY	Washington, DC
------	---------------	----------	------	----------------

SUBJECT	Interview with Secretary Harold Brown
---------	---------------------------------------

ANNOUNCER: To win the battle for ratification, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown must convince a skeptical Senate that SALT II will end the arms race and that our country will be more secure militarily with the treaty than without it.

Here in his office in the Department of Defense, Secretary Brown will be questioned by ABC News congressional correspondent Catherine Mackin and Issues and Answers chief correspondent Bob Clark.

*

*

*

BOB CLARK: Before we get to SALT, Mr. Secretary, you expressed concern several months ago about the growing danger of the United States being drawn into conflict somewhere in the world over access to oil or other vital resources.

Is our continuing dependence on Middle East oil, demonstrated so dramatically here at home in the past couple of weeks with the long gas lines and the oil shortage, increasing that danger?

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAROLD BROWN: Our energy situation and the failure of the plans that have been suggested to be adopted create, I think, Mr. Clark, a serious potential security problem.

The United States, as you know, but many people don't, imports just about half of its oil. Now, not all of that is from the Middle East. Perhaps a half of the imports are from the Middle East. But our European and Japanese allies import a very much greater fraction.